

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1999-492-C- ORDER NO. 2000-0064
JANUARY 13, 2000

IN RE: Application of GTE Wireless (GTE Mobilnet) ORDER APPROVING
of Florence, South Carolina, Inc.; GTE) ASSET TRANSFER
Mobilnet of South Carolina, Inc.; and GTE)
Wireless of the South, Inc.) for Approval of a)
Transfer of Assets to Crown Castle)
International Corporation.)

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of GTE Wireless, GTE Mobilnet of Florence, South Carolina, Inc., GTE Mobilnet of South Carolina, Inc. and GTE Wireless of the South, Inc. (collectively known as the GTE companies) for approval to transfer of in excess of 40 cellular communications towers located in South Carolina to a joint venture formed by GTE Wireless Incorporated (GTE Wireless) and Crown Castle International Corporation (Crown Castle). Under the arrangement, the GTE companies will continue to provide the same services to their customers through a lease arrangement. The Application is made pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-11-140.

The GTE companies propose to transfer their interest in the towers to the joint venture. The joint venture does not provide cellular communications services in South Carolina, but will only own the towers and lease them to the GTE companies. GTE's financial ability to serve its existing customers will not be impaired in any way by this transaction, according to the Application. The transfer of assets is being made in a

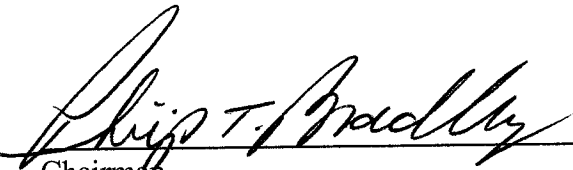
seamless fashion that will not adversely affect the provision of services to South Carolina customers. The customers will receive the same quality of service, the same rates, and under the same terms and conditions.

The GTE companies state that approval of the transfer of assets from GTE is in the public interest, as it will strengthen the GTE companies' ability to do business while not affecting the service it delivers to its South Carolina customers.

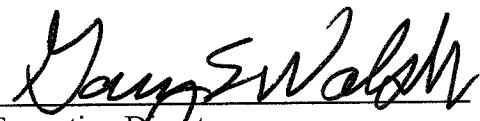
We have examined this matter, and hereby approve the transfer of assets as filed, for the reasons stated in the Application. We believe that the transfer is in the public interest, and that it will not harm South Carolina customers.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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